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## Céline Dion expecting second child

**ANNOUNCEMENT** Céline Dion is pregnant with her second child after undergoing fertility treatment at a clinic in New York, her spokeswoman said yesterday.

Dion, 41, is due to give birth next May, Muriel Blondeau said.

The Québécois singer, who has made no secret of her wish to have another child, already has an eight-year-old son, René-Charles, with husband René Angélil, 67. The star ended her Taking Chances world tour in February.

"Céline had said that after her tour, she wanted to try again to have a child, and the good news came yesterday," Blondeau said. REUTERS

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## Grey's star nude video leaked

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Former gang member Amir Javid shows his tattoo in Vancouver yesterday. He said he would get it removed if the RCMP pays for it.

# Cops willing to pay for gang tattoo removal

### Initiative aims to help former gang members in re-integration

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**Police in the Lower Mainland are paying for the tattoo removal of former gang members.**

RCMP Sgt. Shinder Kirk, with the Integrated Gang Task Force, said laser tattoo removal helps ex-criminals re-integrate into society.

"We always hold forth in our dealings with gang members an opportunity to get out of the gang lifestyle," Kirk said. "(If) an individual … is genuinely interested in walking away from being a gang member we can look at strategies to have that tattoo indicating membership removed."

Kirk wouldn't say how many people had the procedure done or how much has been spent so far.

"In light of the violence that we've seen, if we can remove one individual … in exchange for informational co-operation, I think the cost outweighs the benefits."

Former gang member Amir Javid said tattoos show status within gangs.

"In other countries they represent rank, if you've killed someone or how long you've been in the gang, where you were in prison and for how long. They tell your life story," he said. "Here, it's a 'look at me' thing."

But outside the gang world they can be a barrier to employment.

"It would be so significant to help these kids transition and integrate into the community," Javid said.

Jim Mandelin, who's been counselling youth in the Vancouver area for 20 years, once worked as a debt collector for criminals. He still has a dagger tattoo representing his gang.

"(Removing it) is not going to change who I am," Mandelin said. "You have to change inside."

He said the tattoos help him connect with the youth he counsels and if that gives him an entry into their lives, it's a reason for keeping it.

"I don't regret getting the tattoos, I regret my whole childhood," he said.

WITH FILES FROM KRISTEN THOMPSON

### First in Canada

- The initiative is the first of its kind in Canada and is modelled after similar programs in Seattle and Los Angeles.

## Suspect in child murder turns herself in to police

**INVESTIGATION** An emotionally disturbed neighbour sought in connection with the death of a 12-year-old autistic boy in Grand Forks turned herself in to police late yesterday after a warning was issued about her disappearance from the home where the body was found.

John Fulton

The body of John Fulton was discovered in the home of Kimberly Ruth Noyes, 42, on Monday night.

Police have not said how Fulton died, but confirmed his death is being investigated as a homicide.

Kimberly Ruth Noyes

Noyes, who lives two doors from the Fulton family's townhouse, was not home when police raided her residence.

On Monday, RCMP issued a warning that Noyes was believed to pose a threat to herself and possibly others.

Neighbour Roxane Erixon said Noyes was known to have mental health issues and had been visited recently by mental health workers.

Noyes has three children including an older daughter who lived away from home and two younger children, according to Erixon. The children live with their father.

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# Local

**Your helmet, sir**
**A pilot program will provide valet-style bicycle parking for up to 100 bikes at the 2009 Fair at the PNE. The program will run between 10 a.m. and 11 p.m. during the event, which is now in its 99th year.**
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## News in brief

**DEATH** When Gord Penner heard about Sam McGowan — a Surrey man recently stabbed to death while trying to protect his son — he re-lived the death of his own son. Jesse, 20, was stabbed to death outside a Port Coquitlam party in 2006 and the family has since had to cope with the shortcomings of the Crime Victim's Assistance Program. Like Jesse, McGowan was killed while trying to help someone in trouble. "It evoked all the memories and flashbacks on what happened to my son," Penner said yesterday. He added he can understand the frustration they'll likely face dealing with the financial toll of his death. "They will only receive $8 an hour from the Crime Victim's Assistance Program," said Penner.
**CONCERT** An undisclosed illness is being blamed for the cancellation of Monday night's Lil Wayne concert in Vancouver. The rapper apparently arrived in Vancouver, but cancelled the show and last night's show in Edmonton for some doctor-mandated rest.
**WILDLIFE** Conservation officers on the Sunshine Coast shot and killed a cougar that killed a number of sheep, llamas and chickens, CBC News Online reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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# Alien soundscapes born in Vancouver

## Local composer lends atmosphere to blockbuster sci-fi film District 9

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**District 9 is a sci-fi movie filmed in South Africa, set in the future and starring aliens, but it's got a special connection to Vancouver — its score was written and arranged by homegrown talent.**

Composer Clinton Shorter said it was a unique challenge creating music to suit a film about alien refugees (picture Predator if he were a crustacean) in an African slum.

"When you first start working on a project, the first thing I do is ask what is my palette going to be, what are the sounds I want to use?" Shorter said.

"It was quite a task to maintain an African feel but give the film the darkness and edge it required."

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Clinton Shorter, who composed the music for District 9, at his North Vancouver home.

Shorter — who worked closely with director Neill Blonkamp — mixed African vocals with the "aggressive and dark tones" of rhythm and percussion, and synthesizers to reflect the technology featured in the film.

"The whole point of my existence in films is to help the viewer feel and try to nurture their emotions."

He said it's the picture that dictates what the composer writes, but the viewer's experience is also influenced by the score.

"It's about furthering the story … and helping the viewer stay in tune with the picture."

### More city ties

- New Zealand native Neill Blonkamp, the writer and director of District 9, is a graduate of Vancouver Film School's 3-D Animation and Visual Effects program.

# Female ski jumpers urge IOC head to let them compete

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**"You have the opportunity to add your legacy as IOC president by indicating … Canada is the place for gender equality in the Olympics."**
Ski jumpers' letter to IOC chief Jacques Rogge

**2010** A group of women ski jumpers wrote a letter to IOC president Jacques Rogge, urging him to do for the Winter Games the same thing he did for the Summer Games — make it gender equal.

The International Olympic Committee recently approved the inclusion of women's boxing at the London Games in 2012, the final summer sport without a women's division.

"The world would cheer even louder if you took the final step to allow women ski jumpers to compete in the Vancouver Olympic Winter Games in 2010," the letter read.

"You have the opportunity to add to your legacy as IOC president by indicating the time is now, and Canada is the place for gender equality in the Olympics."

Eighteen months ago, women ski jumpers sued VANOC, accusing it of violating Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms through alleged gender discrimination. A Supreme Court judge agreed the women were being discriminated against, but said it's up to the IOC, over which the court has no jurisdiction, to add the sport.

The IOC justified its decision in 2006 by saying that not enough women participate in ski jumping — 83 women from 14 countries competed at the highest level then. But the ski jumpers say that ski cross was accepted with only 30 top-level women competitors from 11 nations.

# Coors Light billboards pulled

**ADVERTISING** Billboard ads for Coors Light that claim the beer is Colder Than Most People From Toronto are coming down.

The company took some heat from offended Torontonians who say the billboards, used only in Western Canada, went too far.

Adam Moffat, brand marketing manager for Coors Light, said the ads, which also contain the Vancouver 2010 Games logo because the company is an Olympic sponsor, would start coming down.

Initially, Moffat said the company did not plan to change the billboards but after about 30-40 complaints yesterday, Coors Light decided to pull the ads early.

They were scheduled to be up until September but will be removed within a week.

The slogan was one of four on Coors Light billboards in B.C. The others were Colder Than a Souvenir Guy in March 2010, It's the Venti of Ice Cold Beer and Colder Than a Certain Unemployed Ranger.

Moffat said the Colder Than Most People in Toronto billboard will be replaced by one of the three other slogans.

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**Locals win Canadian Cheese Rolling Festival**
A man and a woman from Whistler were the winners of the second annual Canadian Cheese Rolling Festival held at Blackcomb Mountain in their hometown. The two Grand Champions each received an 11-pound wheel of Canadian cheese and a Whistler's season's pass for two. METRO VANCOUVER

# A smooth first day for Canada Line

## No significant problems to report as tens of thousands of riders take advantage of new transit system

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**It was smooth running for the Canada Line yesterday during its first full day of operations.**

By 6 p.m. 60,000 people had used the Canada Line, and 70,000 were anticipated by the end of yesterday, said Jason Chan, communications manager with Protrans B.C.

According to Chan, 9,000 people used the line from its opening to about 9:30 a.m. By 12:30 p.m. that number had increased to 23,000 riders and by 2:15 p.m. had exceeded 33,000.

"By all accounts travellers are definitely taking advantage of the line," Chan said. "We see a fair number travelling with luggage."

Paul Digney, a Vancouver man who caught the Canada Line to Broadway-City Hall after returning from Rio de Janeiro, was impressed by the smoothness of trip.

"It was super," Digney said. "I was really glad they arranged to open it the day before I needed to come back."

Riding the line yesterday was a far cry from the sardine-can experience of opening day, which saw 100,000 riders in a mere eight hours.

Heading to the airport in the morning, there were about 40 people on the train. A few stood and there were empty seats to be had.

Traffic on the platforms was heaviest at Waterfront, the airport and Bridgeport stations.

Coming back into Vancouver in the early afternoon was busier. Most of the seats were full, but the train didn't feel overcrowded.

Chan said there were no significant problems on the first day, aside from new and "more finicky" ticket vending machines.

Dave Chu, a recently retired Richmond man who lives two blocks from Richmond-Brighouse, was excited that he could get from his house to Downtown Vancouver in less than half an hour.

"It's much better than taking the bus. It's much quicker, you save a lot of time."

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Paul Digney, Vancouver resident returning from Brazil

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Jacquie Bacon, Fort McMurray, Alberta

**"The stations are very nice. They are much better than the Vancouver ones. It's all glass and it's quite spacious too. It's very nice."**
Dave Chu, Richmond

**" They're freaking beautiful. The aesthetic goes really well with the rest of the city of Richmond design."**
Oscar Astete, Richmond

**"I like that they have the express check-in for the airport and the pedestrian and bike bridge."**
Monica Presley, Vancouver

**"I was a little bit lost as far as just getting into the terminal ... But there was ample staff."**
Damian Gribble, Vancouver

**"We timed it before ... and it took an hour and four minutes. (The Canada Line) took 34 minutes."**
Michelle Toth, Vancouver, on her commute from Point Grey to Langara

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**Diplomat facing charges recalled to Saudi Arabia**

Saudi diplomat Marwan Al Harbi, 30, who was facing charges after a head-on collision with an Ottawa police cruiser on June 2, left Canada after being recalled to Saudi Arabia, CBC News Online reports. Ottawa police said Monday they had issued a warrant for Al Harbi's arrest. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# Canada

## Passport typo worries woman

**When Miriam Steinberg opened the express mail envelope yesterday, it contained a surprise: Her spanking-new passport, a day earlier than expected, and a typo, "Otttawa." Her place of birth had been misspelled with an extra T. Steinberg said, "I was told as long as my name hadn't been misspelled, I was fine and that (passport) was valid." Steinberg was shocked. She has been following the story of Suaad Hagi Mohamud, the Toronto mother who was marooned in Kenya after officials said her lips didn't match those in the passport photo.** TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

## PM sups on seal meat to promote industry

POLITICS Prime Minister Stephen Harper bit into a culinary controversy yesterday, dining on seal meat in symbolic defence of the country's embattled seal-hunting industry.

Harper dined on seal ribs and liver in Iqaluit, where hunting seals for survival and trade is a traditional part of the native way of life.

Animals rights activists, especially in Europe, are trying to shut down Canada's seal-hunting industry, and the European Union voted this year to impose a trade ban on seal products.

Canada has vowed to fight the trade sanctions, saying that claims that seal hunters abuse the animals in the process of hunting them are false and that criticism of the industry is inflamed by emotion, not scientific facts.

The visitor's guide to Iqaluit credits the Arctic fur trade's role in replacing whale hunting after whale stocks collapsed in the region in 1905.

Harper's lunch was not observed by reporters, and his staff did not immediately know what he thought of the taste of seal meat, which was both raw and boiled. REUTERS

### Previously...

- Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean, Canada's head of state, sparked a controversy in May when she dined on raw seal heart while visiting Nunavut and participating in a traditional seal skinning.

## Harper starts tour of Arctic

### PM to assert Canadian sovereignty claims, sets up agency in Far North

**Prime Minister Stephen Harper launched a tour to assert Canada's Arctic sovereignty claims yesterday, saying the government was not ignoring the vast but sparsely populated region's economic and social ills.**

ANDY CLARK/REUTERS

Canadian soldiers pass by a beached boat after landing on a beach in Apex, Nunavut, on Baffin Island yesterday. The landing was part of military manoeuvres held there amidst Prime Minister Stephen Harper's tour of the North.

Harper pledged that a recently announced economic development agency for the Far North would be headquartered in Iqaluit, the capital of the Nunavut territory, not in the far away federal capital of Ottawa.

"Obviously, our sovereignty is far greatly enhanced if we have thriving indigenous communities, healthy communities, throughout the territory," Harper told an audience in Iqaluit, an isolated community of about 7,250 on Baffin Island.

It was the first in a series of announcements Harper is expected to make in a cross-country weeklong tour to promote Canada's claims in the Arctic, some of which have been challenged by other countries, included the United States. REUTERS

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**Window washer falls to his death**

A window washer is dead after falling 20 storeys from a building in downtown Montreal yesterday afternoon, CBC News Online reports. Police said the man, about 45 years old, was part of a window-washing crew but was not on his platform when he fell. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# Diplomat yanked as Kenya case fallout begins

**The Canadian diplomat who officially disowned Suaad Hagi Mohamud as an "imposter" has been recalled from Kenya.**

Liliane Khadour has "concluded" her posting, a consular official at the Canadian High Commission said yesterday from the capital Nairobi.

"Her tour of duty is over," he said, explaining that Foreign Affairs employees rotate posts every two or three years, and Khadour had been in Nairobi for two.

"I am not very sure where she went," her former colleague said.

Khadour is now in Ottawa.

## Mohamud still sick

- Suaad Hagi Mohamud is undergoing tests for a persistent cough and weight loss, symptoms that have nagged her since an eight-day stay in a Nairobi prison in June.

Although she owns a condominium apartment there with her partner Jason Joyce, the two are staying at a downtown hotel. They had been working together at the high commission in Nairobi, both as first secretaries.

When reached by cellphone yesterday, Joyce almost immediately hung up. Neither answered the hotel room phone or returned messages.

In Ottawa, the Canada Border Services Agency has opened an internal investigation into the mishandling of the case.

Foreign affairs had no comment on the investigation. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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# PM says he was in dark on Mohamud

**POLITICS** Prime Minister Stephen Harper says he's happy Suaad Hagi Mohamud is back in Canada but admits he's still waiting for answers about her nightmare at the hands of Canadian officials.

Harper suggested he became aware of the case only last week, even though her well-publicized plight of being stuck in Kenya had begun 11 weeks earlier.

"When we became aware of the case last week, we asked our officials in various departments to give us some information," Harper said at a news conference yesterday.

"I'm expecting to get some basic answers to this and then based on the first set of information we'll get, we'll decide what further inquiry we do have to do."

## Fallout

- Privately, officials say Harper is very upset at how the case has been handled and that "heads could roll" once the review is finished.
- Mohamud returned to Canada Saturday after being stuck in Nairobi for 86 days

The case has blown up into a major embarrassment for the Conservatives and stoked criticism that the government is slow to assist Canadians who land in trouble abroad.

Ignorance is no excuse for Harper in this case, said Liberal MP Dan McTeague, who served as a parliamentary secretary looking out for Canadians in trouble abroad from 2003 to 2005.

"It's either that he did know about it — and he's saying he didn't — or he's incompetent. Either way, the buck stops with the prime minister," said McTeague. "If he's going to say he didn't know about it, that's his fault and he's going to have to wear this." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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## Comment

# Fear our Arctic strength

TheWestView

You probably don't lie awake at night worrying about Canada's claim to Arctic sovereignty, but the prime minister appears to be tossing and turning over the future of the True North Strong and Free.

One of the How About That? consequences of global warming is that the polar ice cap is melting three times faster than previously thought, and that means sea routes such as the Northwest Passage could be ice-free, at least part of the year, as early as 2015.

This new access puts the top of the world back on the map. Former Arctic wastes now have commercial value as access to vast oil and mineral reserves, not to mention commercial shipping routes improves. Taking the Northwest Passage from Japan to Northern Europe cuts 5,000 miles off the commute.

Thanks to all this melting, we are subject to the spectacle — I don't know what else to call it — of the highest Canadian government officials trooping to remote Arctic outposts and ordering up raw seal for lunch.

Prime Minister Harper, who is probably not even comfortable at a Calgary Stampede BBQ, is manfully choking down seal and shaking his fist at the European Union ban on products from the annual traditional seal hunt, which also plays well up north.

Stephen Harper

At the same time, he is doing his best to protect Canadian sovereignty by making announcements, which is sure to cause our Arctic competitors (the U.S., Russia, Denmark and Norway) to quake in their fur-lined boots. Defense Minister Peter MacKay officially launched our first northern military reserve Monday, vowing to bring it to full strength by 2019. Full strength, by the way, is 100 not-so-warm bodies.

Once their knees stop stinging from all that hearty knee-slapping, our northern competitors will have to stifle further laughter as the PM is scheduled to board the HMCS Toronto today to observe Operation Nanook, in which the Canadian navy pretends to look for Russian and U.S. ultra-sophisticated, stealthy nuclear subs that currently patrol our arctic waters with impunity.

And if none of the above doesn't force them to admit that Canada is Lord of the North, Mr. Harper also announced the new HQ for the Canadian Northern Economic Development or CanNor, will be in Iqaluit, with satellite offices in Yellowknife and Whitehorse — an announcement the competition Can-Ignore.

Do I have to point out the obvious? If we're really serious about asserting sovereignty over the North, especially that sketchy passage through the Parry Channel, we'll have to do better than order seal sushi for lunch and issue a couple of press releases.

Even if they discover a nest of beavers at the North Pole, the best we can ever expect to do is maintain sovereignty as proxies for the Americans. And that's the True North.

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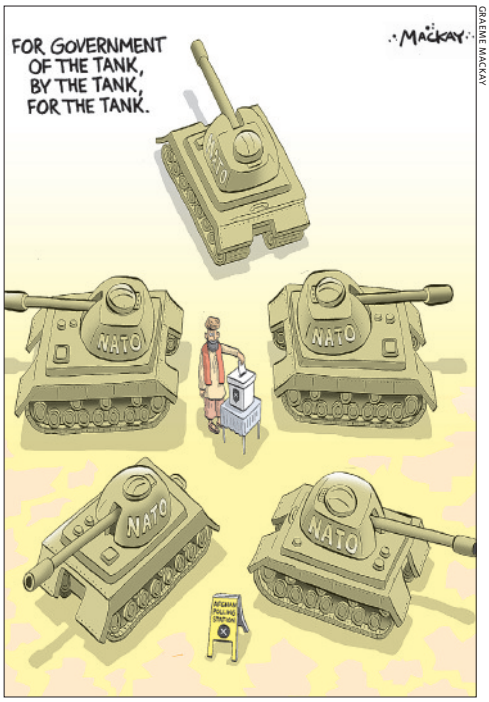

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## Worth mentioning

# Looking for UFOs? Head Down Under, says hunter

How about some UFOs with your holiday? An Australian photographer and self-styled alien hunter believes the country's north is a hotspot for unexplained aerial activity, and the tourism association is not discouraging him.

Alan Ferguson believes the vast Northern Territory state has more than its share of unidentified flying objects that could one day rival more established tourist attractions at Kakadu and Litchfield National Parks.

"All these years I've been sitting watching these things and thought: 200,000 people a year go to Roswell in the U.S. to see a museum, why wouldn't you entice people to come here, to see the real thing," Ferguson told Reuters.

Ferguson recently provided a video, aired on national television, which he says proves his case. The segment is now posted on the Internet.

Ferguson suggested his idea of promoting UFO-watching holidays to Tourism Top End, the region's tourist association. "It's been amazing, there's a huge amount of interest," Tourism Top End president Sylvia Wolf told Reuters. "But the thing is, with UFOs, you don't know when they're going to be there, so if you take a busload of people out there and then nothing, what do you say to the tourists? Have another drink, you might see something?"

REUTERS

## Word on the street: If Michael Vick was on your favourite sports team, would you cheer for him?

**Matt Morris**
age 23, Toronto
A: No. I wouldn't cheer for him ... Everytime I see him, I'm gonna be thinking of these deathly, disgusting images of these poor animals.

**Shayla Nicholson**
age 16, Edmonton
A: Yeah, I would. If he did his time then we should be able to get over it.

**Anthony Dominik**
age 75, Edmonton
A: Yes, I would still cheer for him, because I still like him.

**Derick Bosma**
age 21, Victoria
A: No, because he was involved in animal cruelty. I'd still cheer for the team because it's not their fault he's on the team.

**Courtney Chambers**
age 30, Vancouver
A: No. I think it's disgusting. I don't think he should be allowed to play (sports). (He's) a mentor. If he was on my favourite team, I think I'd switch teams.

**Zack Lee**
age 23, Vancouver
A: No. I don't like dog fighting. It's inhumane. You can separate what he did with who he is (as an athlete), but it's not something I'd support him for.

## Metro Online Poll Results

| 86% SAID YES | Are you concerned about websites like Facebook storing personal data? *Weigh in on today's question at metronews.ca* | 14% SAID NO |
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**Ex-South Korean leader dies**
Former South Korean President Kim Dae-jung, who won the 2000 Nobel Peace Prize, died yesterday at the age of 85. REUTERS



# World

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British soldiers survey the site of a Kabul bomb blast yesterday. Eight people were killed and 52 wounded by a suicide car bomber who rammed his car into a convoy of Western troops.

## Suicide blast kills hope as vote nears

### Dozens wounded in attack in Afghan capital

**A suicide bomber rammed an explosive-laden car into a NATO convoy in the Afghan capital yesterday, killing at least eight.**

It was a gruesome escalation in a wave of violence two days before an election the Taliban has vowed to disrupt.

Rockets also hit Kabul, several rural polling stations were attacked, a provincial council candidate was gunned down and three election workers were killed by a bomb in violence ahead of tomorrow's vote. Incumbent Hamid Karzai is seeking re-election in the second presidential ballot since the Taliban were ousted in 2001.

**"I helped some people to ambulances. Their clothes were covered in bloodstains."**
Kabul shopkeeper

Officials said more than 50 people were wounded in the car bombing, the second massive strike of its kind in four days.

Police held back onlookers as the wounded were ferried away in ambulances and pickup trucks.

"I saw wounded people and dead people everywhere," said a shopkeeper named Sawad. "I helped some people to ambulances. Their clothes were covered in blood stains."

In a statement, Karzai said such attacks would not deter Afghans, who would vote "despite the efforts of the enemies and will show their opposition to their barbaric acts." REUTERS

## Detainees raped, Mousavi claims

**IRAN** Opposition leader Mirhossein Mousavi accused "establishment agents" of raping and abusing detainees imprisoned after Iran's June presidential vote and urged the powerful clerics to do their duty and speak out.

"They (authorities) asked those who were abused and raped in prisons, to present four witnesses (to prove their claim) ... Those who committed the crimes were the establishment's agents," Mousavi said in a letter to reformist leader Mehdi Karoubi, the reformist mowjcamp.com website reported. REUTERS

## Obama optimistic about West Bank building freeze

**ISRAEL** President Barack Obama said yesterday he saw encouraging signs of a softening of Israel's resistance to his call for a freeze on settlement-building in the occupied West Bank.

Earlier yesterday, an Israeli government minister said no tenders had been issued for new housing projects in Israeli settlements since Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's right-leaning government took office five months ago. Netanyahu has rebuffed Obama's push for a complete freeze, creating the most serious rift in U.S.-Israeli relations in a decade.

"There has been movement in the right direction," Obama said when asked about the latest development after talks with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak at the White House.

The two leaders, meeting for the third time in as many months, talked about how to jump-start the stalled Middle East peace process, a top foreign policy priority for Obama.

It was Mubarak's first visit to the United States since 2004. REUTERS


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**GM plans to increase production on strength of Cash For Clunkers**
General Motors Co. said yesterday it is increasing production for the second half of 2009 after a surge in sales ignited by the U.S. government's Cash For Clunkers incentives program. REUTERS

# Business

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## Exploding iPhones mystery

### Apple says it's awaiting more information

**Apple Inc. is investigating media reports that one or more of the company's iPhones have exploded in Europe, a European Commission spokesperson said yesterday.**

The spokesperson for the EU executive, which oversees the safety of consumer products sold in the 27-country bloc, said Apple had described the reported incidents as isolated.

Apple said it was aware of the media reports, which include a case in which a teenager in France said he was slightly injured when his iPhone made a hissing noise and shattered, but did not comment on any contacts with the commission.

"Apple have come back to us ... and what they've said to us is that they consider these are isolated incidents. They don't consider that there's a general problem," said commission spokesperson Helen Kearns.

"They're trying to get more information on the specific details of those incidents (reported in the media) and they will do tests as necessary to investigate the possible cause," she said.

Apple did not comment on the commission spokesperson's remarks.

But a spokesperson for Apple Europe Ltd. said: "We are aware of these (media) reports and we are waiting to receive the iPhones from the customers. Until we have the full details, we don't have anything further to add."

REUTERS

A teen in France said he was slightly hurt when his iPhone shattered.

## Bombardier cancels contract with Italian low-cost airline

**AVIATION** Bombardier says it has cancelled its deal to supply Italian low-cost carrier MyAir.com with 15 CRJ1000 regional jets.

Bombardier said the decision was made because MyAir, which recently had its licence suspended by Italian aviation authorities as a result of financial difficulties, is facing "an uncertain situation." Four CRJ900 aircraft have been delivered to the airline, the Montreal-based company said.

Shares of Bombardier were down 23 cents, or 5.3 per cent, at $4.10 on the Toronto Stock Exchange yesterday afternoon.

Benoit Poirier, an analyst at Desjardins Securities, said Bombardier's share price had already discounted the troubled status of MyAir and the possibility of an order cancellation.

We "do not expect Bombardier to react materially to the news, as the CRJ1000 is a relatively small program for the company," Poirier said. REUTERS

## Business in **brief**

**AUTO** U.S. carmaker General Motors' board of directors is set to decide this week which suitor for the Opel business in Europe it will support. Rival bids from Canadian auto parts group Magna and Belgium-based financial investor RHJ are on the table, although Opel trustees have to approve any decision.

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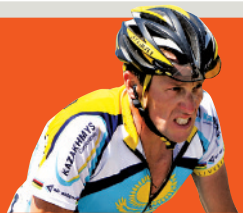
**Bertuzzi joins Wings**
Todd Bertuzzi is rejoining the Detroit Red Wings, signing a one-year deal with the team he played for at the end of the 2006-07 season. Bertuzzi spent last year with the Calgary Flames, putting up 44 points (15-29) in 66 regular-season games. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# Sports



## Traffic stopper

**Lance Armstrong, left, brought Scottish traffic to a standstill yesterday after more than 200 cyclists answered his Twitter invitation for a casual bike ride. The seven-time Tour de France winner issued the invitation while in Glasgow to watch Irish rockers U2 play Hampden Park. Armstrong is expected to compete in the Tour of Ireland next week.** METRO NEWS SERVICES

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# Venus gone after upset loss

**Third seed Venus Williams' return to Canada ended in a shock 1-6, 7-5, 6-4 second-round defeat by Ukrainian qualifier Kateryna Bondarenko at the Rogers Cup in Toronto yesterday.**

Kim Clijsters' return, however, had a much happier ending as the 2005 champion continued her comeback from a two-year absence with a business-like 6-3, 6-4 first round victory over British qualifier Elena Baltacha.

Williams, who has won 41 career titles but never won a match at the Rogers Cup, had looked ready to end her Canadian drought, racing through the first set in 28 minutes.

"I guess at this tournament I've never had a lot of luck but I guess you have to make your own luck these days," Williams told reporters. "She just really started playing well and unfortunately I made too many errors."

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However, the 64th-ranked Bondarenko refused to fold, trading breaks with the 29-year-old American in the second before finally taking control with another break at 6-5 and then holding serve to level the match.

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### Last Canadian

- Aleksandra Wozniak of Blainville, Que., dropped a 6-4, 6-4 decision to Russia's Alisa Kleybanova yesterday.
- Wozniak was the last Canadian in the singles tournament.

MARK BLINCH/REUTERS

Venus Williams reacts to missing a point against Kateryna Bondarenko during their second round match at the Rogers Cup tennis tournament in Toronto yesterday. Williams lost 1-6, 7-5, 6-4.

## Sports in brief

**TENNIS** Lleyton Hewitt rallied for a 2-6, 7-6 (8), 6-4 win over No. 12 Robin Soderling yesterday at the Cincinnati Open. No. 11 Fernando Verdasco also lost, and No. 10 Fernando Gonzalez quit in the first set of his match because of a sore knee.

**OLYMPICS** IOC president Jacques Rogge plans to resign as an active member of the Olympic committee after his final presidential term ends in 2013, preferring to serve as an "honorary president."

**BASEBALL** A day after signing No. 1 draft pick Stephen Strasburg to a record contract, acting Washington Nationals GM Mike Rizzo says it's "very unlikely" Strasburg will be called up to the majors this season.

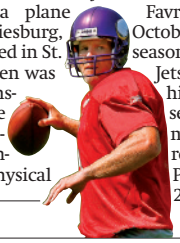
**CFL** Calgary Stampeders wide receiver Jeremaine Copeland, Saskatchewan Roughriders defensive end John Chick, Toronto Argonauts kicker Justin Medlock and B.C. Lions slot back Paris Jackson were named the CFL's top players for last week. METRO NEWS SERVICES

## Favre ends second retirement

**NFL** Brett Favre is coming back again, and this time it's with the Minnesota Vikings.

After weeks of speculation, Favre ended his second retirement on Tuesday. He boarded a plane from Hattiesburg, Miss., and landed in St. Paul, Minn., then was quickly transported to the Vikings training facility, underwent a physical and signed an undisclosed contract. Reports have the deal at two years worth a possible $25 million should all the clauses regarding performance and health be met.

Favre, who turns 40 in October, spent the 2008 season with the New York Jets, then announced his retirement for a second time in as many years. He first retired as a Green Bay Packer following the 2007 campaign.



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**No more tenure?**

An opinion piece in the Chronicle of Higher Education argues that tenure-track positions at U.S. colleges face extinction in a war of attrition. Deans faced with shrinking budgets will likely be replacing tenured faculty members with adjuncts — particularly in humanities and social science departments. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# Workology

## Home-schooling trend in U.S.?

**Although Academica Group's UCAS applicant study continues to find very few PSE-bound students have been home-schooled in Canada, in the U.S. it is estimated that somewhere between three and six per cent of the school-aged population are being home-schooled. The primary driver is religion for 83 per cent of home-schooling Americans, who feel their local public schools are "unwholesome" in some way.** ACADEMICA GROUP

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# Women knocked from top: Study

## Top-level employees still hirable, mobile, but more women losing their job than men

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**You know how bad the economy is these days, so you don't want to read about it again. However, depending on your education and employment potential, these horror stories may merely be myths.**

A recent report released by Catalyst, an international organization focused on working with businesses to create inclusive workplaces, indicates that over 50 per cent of "high potential" employees were actually able to advance their careers in this recessionary period. The data found that these people remained employable, mobile and in high demand from various employers around the world.

**"Decisions need to be made to fix the barriers women face. Networks need to be put in place for women to acquire role models and mentors so they can advance within their organizations."**
Catalyst Vice-President Deborah Gillis

"The report showed us that there are a number of myths surrounding the current economic crisis," said Deborah Gillis, North American vice-president of Catalyst. "Top-level employees, for the most part, are still hireable and mobile."

The numbers were reached by analyzing information collected from over 800 MBA alumni from 26 leading business schools spanning across continents — including Asia, Europe and North America. The responding alumni graduated between 1996 and 2007.

In fact, the research shows that only 10 per cent of respondents reported losing their jobs due to downsizing or closure.

Of that 10 per cent, however, women executives were three-times more likely to lose their jobs than their male counterparts. While six per cent of male senior employees lost their jobs because of downsizing, a substantial 19 per cent of high-ranking women employees suffered the same fate.

Gillis explains that because of a lack of mentors, role models, connections and networks, women are more likely than men to be laid off. This is because men, who have traditionally outnumbered women in senior positions, have established networks to keep them on board.

"Decisions need to be made to fix the barriers women face," she said. "Networks need to be put in place for women to acquire role models and mentors so they can advance within their organizations."

Based on this, it appears that as more women acquire senior positions, these networks will be created and strengthened.

The data in the report is focused on the time period between November 2007 and June 2009.

Because men for so long outnumbered women in higher-up positions, the networks they were able to create have helped them weather the recession storm and caused them to be kept on at a higher rate than their female counterparts.

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**IT AVOIDED LIKE THE PLAGUE**
According to a new study, students and graduates in North America are continuing to avoid both tech-sector programs and jobs due to a continuing belief that the IT sector is still in a slump. This has been a trend for the past four years. Yes, over the past 18 months, demand for IT workers in Canada has doubled.

**WOMEN EDGE MEN IN BIZ** According to a new book, women have innate attributes that give them an edge over men in business. Called The Female Brand: Using the Female Mindset to Succeed in Business, the book points to women's social-perception skills, empathy and intuition as skills that lead to success in the business world.

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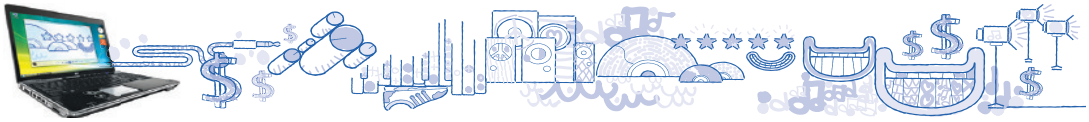
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**Albertans getting more financial aid too**
Like their Ontario counterparts, more and more post-secondary students in Alberta are seeking loans, grants, and bursaries to pay for their education due to the economic downturn and few employment opportunities this summer. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# No case for mental distress

WorkplaceLaw

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Mental suffering at work may be real — but that doesn't necessarily amount to a successful lawsuit.

Having just been denied a promotion at work, Maria Amaral was crestfallen. As an employee of the Canadian Musical Reproduction Rights Agency for 23 years, Amaral thought that she should have been promoted to manager. But her boss, Caroline Rioux, thought otherwise. Shortly after the failed promotion attempt, Amaral refused to write a letter when Rioux directed her to. She was disciplined. Dejected, she let her attendance and performance dwindle. Rioux continued to warn Amaral, and eventually the agency relieved her of some of her duties. But Amaral's absenteeism and performance worsened. The agency placed Amaral on probation and planned for her eventual dismissal.

Two days later, Amaral suffered a serious mental breakdown, believing the agency wanted her to leave, and never returned to work. Her next contact with the agency was through her lawyer, suing the agency, its president, vice-president and her boss, Rioux, for the considerable damages flowing from her breakdown, claiming that they deliberately or negligently inflicted mental suffering on her.

Finding that the agency and its employees were not responsible for Amaral's breakdown, Justice Ruth Mesbur concluded that no one could have foreseen Amaral's reaction. More importantly, however, the court confirmed that the threshold to find employers liable for psychiatric damage suffered by employees is significant: The employer's conduct must be extreme, flagrant or outrageous and calculated to deliberately impose harm. Recently, the Ontario Court of Appeal agreed — dismissing Amaral's appeal.

Following several high-profile Canadian judgments for harassment and mental suffering, employees' lawyers have been adding zeros to their precedents, claiming perceived mistreatment equates to a significant lawsuit. But workplace law doesn't provide compensation for any stress suffered by employees at the hands of their employer — the conduct complained of must be objectively intolerable in the eyes of the judge, not just the plaintiff.

Employees should follow the lessons from this case very closely or risk being the author of their own misfortune:

- Management may be demanding, unsympathetic or even insensitive, but that alone does not afford employees the right to launch a considerable lawsuit or render the company liable for inflicting mental distress. Even had Amaral's allegations been proven, they were not sufficiently offensive to merit the damage award she sought.
- There is not a legal remedy for every case of workplace distress. The unfortunate counsel I sometimes provide is to seek another job rather than remain profoundly unhappy with the current conditions.
- Consider a negotiated resolution to a claim instead of steadfastly marching to the courtroom doors. Had Amaral heeded this advice, she would have been cashing settlement cheques now rather than having to pay considerable legal costs to her former employer.

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## Workology in brief

**OVERTIME PAY** A study released by the Conference Board of Canada shows that over the past year, both employees and management have become increasingly concerned about overtime compensation. The unease of the respondents at the 130 mid-to-large-size organizations who were surveyed involves employee eligibility for overtime pay, compliance with legislation, control of overtime costs, and potential legal liabilities associated with unpaid overtime. Those who reported having the best-managed overtime policies and practices were in the government, education, health and not-for-profit sectors.

**GRAD INTERNSHIPS** The Saskatchewan government announced that it will shell out $270,000 in order to provide 29 graduate students with workplace internships. The initiative is designed to retain the best and brightest graduates, as nearly 20 per cent of the provinces graduates leave the country following graduation in order to take up better job prospects.

**FLOOD FINE** Last Thursday, a former University of Regina student pleaded guilty to mischief for his involvement in flooding a university residence in December 2007 by opening the cover to a fire department water valve.

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# Making it all come together

Backstage Pass

MAT LECOMPTE
for Metro Canada

**Sometimes, things don't fit. But with enough hard work, you just may be able squeeze them in.**

In the world of television, viewers see the result of a lot of hard work. It's often forgotten — or perhaps even unknown — how much labour goes into creating the pictures that provide viewers with countless hours of entertainment week-in and week-out.

Alexandra Mastronardi, production co-ordinator for HGTV's Top 10, is responsible for making sure things run smoothly from before filming begins to the time the champagne is popped at the wrap party. Which, as it seems, is apparently impossible.

"No matter how organized you think you are, you're never organized enough!" she says, "Classic words from a co-ordinator."

Her job entails that everything is carefully planned and prepared by the time filming starts. That means creating call sheets so the cast knows where and when to be on location, booking the gear and flights, securing the required permits and making sure all the right crew members are set up and ready to go.

On top of all that, she's got to handle any problems or crises that arise, which, she assures us, are in no short supply.

**"Last weekend my cameraman calls me from B.C. saying they've just picked up their rental vehicle and the jib arm doesn't fit in the van, and there are no larger vans available in the area."**
Alexandra Mastronardi

Mastronardi, who works from a downtown Toronto office, recounts the most recent example of a problem that needed some serious fixing.

"The show I'm working on right now has multiple cameramen shooting in multiple cities, so as you can imagine, it's a logistical nightmare!" she says. "Last weekend my cameraman calls me from B.C. saying they've just picked up their rental vehicle and the jib arm doesn't fit in the van, and there are no larger vans available in the area."

Production coordinators require mass amounts of organization.

Living by the creed, "the show must go on" — which she calls one of the truest phrases in the business — Mastronardi hit the phones and called various rental companies to inquire about larger vans. Then, out of thin air, the original company was able to produce the van they wanted.

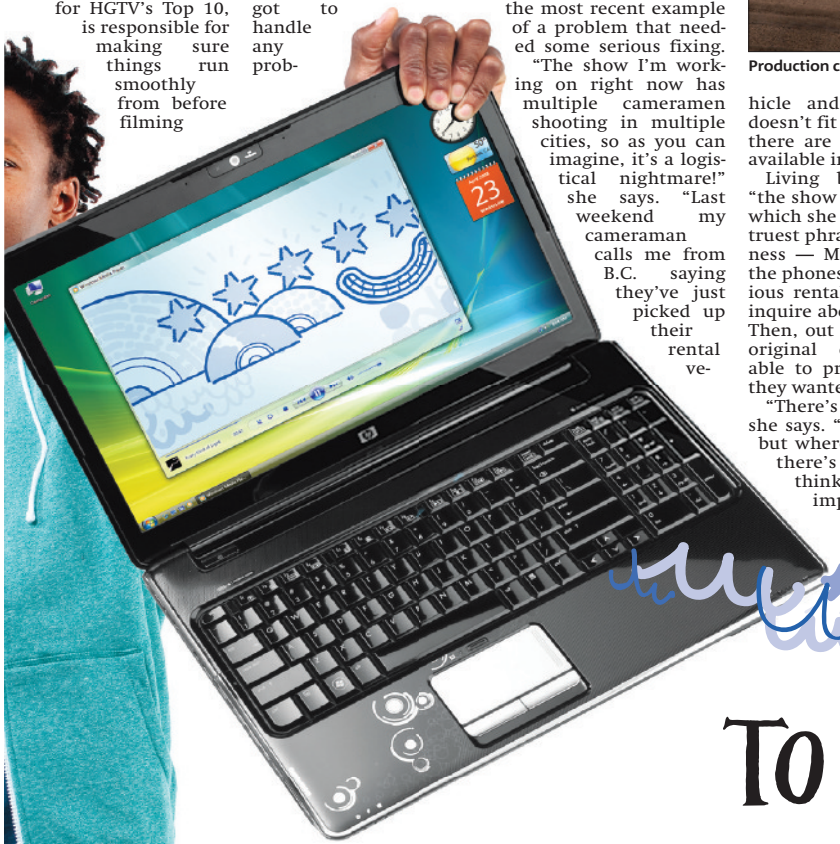
"There's always a fix," she says. "It's never easy, but where there's a will there's a way. I think that's an important attitude for a co-ordinator to have"

Like many jobs in entertainment, a production coordinator is usually employed strictly on a contract basis. Because of this, Mastronardi is constantly on the hunt for new contacts that can lead to jobs.

She says her contracts are usually for three or four months, but has worked an eight month contract, as well as one that was for a single day. It's essential to take advantage of that time, she says, because the more people you meet, the more jobs you get. "Never burn bridges and keep in mind the two degrees of TV land — everyone knows everyone through someone."

To witness the fruits of her labour, check out HGTV's Top 10 on Tuesday evenings.

For more of the Backstage Pass exclusive series check Workology frequently or stop by: **metronews.ca/work**



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# Panning the office paper piles

## Going electronic is possible and saves money

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Canada

**With predictions of the paperless office well into their fourth decade, it may seem a mirage of eco-friendliness that will forever stay on the horizon. But a Canadian university department that went paper-free last year is saving money, time and space, not to mention the environment.**

Cyprien Lomas of the University of British Columbia's faculty of land and food systems says the small department in a big university is blazing a trail others should follow.

The IT expert says it worked because the ecologically aware faculty was "driven by values. Plus, it seemed like a good idea."

"Every time paper was used, they asked the tough question: Do we really need to use this piece of paper?" he says. The ethos of the office changed to the point where using paper was almost embarrassing.

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Cyprien Lomas of the University of British Columbia's faculty of land and food systems on their office's journey away from paper

Staff used to work on a computer screen and then print off a version of the record for students to see. Now, they have two screens — one facing the student — and work together in real time.

Note-taking went paper-free, too. "Instead of writing on a piece of paper, (staff) use a screen technique and writing on a piece of transparency, which she can then wash afterwards and reuse," Lomas says.

**Eco-friendly**

The venture made the expected savings in paper, cutting the expense of running a printer and fax machine, but also had unexpected benefits.

"One (staff member) spent a lot of time filing paperwork. By getting away from that system, she was able to phase that out, free up a bunch of her time and work on higher-value things," he says.

It's created work, too: other parts of the university and wider community now regularly call up the faculty to see how they, too, can go paper-free.

Sarene Gilbertson at Organize-Life-Inside-Out.com says if paper-less seems impossible, try less paper. The keys to paper-free life are technology. She uses a scanner to import paper documents sent to her and then shreds the originals. Most of her billing is done electronically.

She also ditched her printer, using a print shop on the rare occasions she needs a hard copy, and tossed the fax machine. She uses digital faxing via MyFax.com, which allows her to send and receive faxes through her e-mail.

"I can function almost anywhere in the world with an 'almost' paperless office because I've simplified my files and how I use the internet," Gilbertson says.

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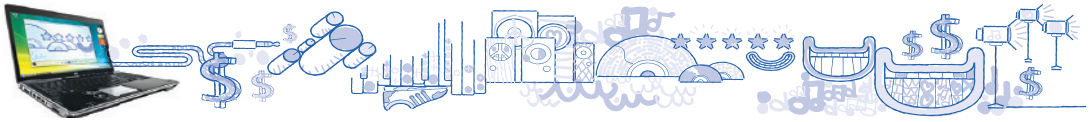
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**Porsche 911 Turbo coming**
Porsche AG will present its new top-of-the-line 911 at the Frankfurt Auto Show in September. The Porsche 911 Turbo goes on sale in Canada in January 2010. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# Metro Drive

## Seatbelt's 50th

The three-point seatbelt turned 50 last weekend. On Aug. 13, 1959, the Volvo PV544 became the first car with the safety feature, which has been called one of the most significant inventions of the 20th century. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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# The sounds of silence

## 2010 Chevrolet Equinox a quiet revolution for SUVs

JIL MCINTOSH
for Metro Canada

**When a company debuts a new model, it sometimes brings along competitors' models for journalists to drive back-to-back. No one brings one that outshines the new model, so when GM introduced the all-new 2010 Chevrolet Equinox and rolled out a Toyota RAV4 and Honda CR-V for comparison, everyone took notice.**

The verdict: This new Equinox gives GM the ability to stand solidly head-to-head in the crowded compact SUV market against its domestic and imported opponents.

Also trimmed and badged as the GMC Terrain, the Equinox is built in Ingersoll, Ont. The previous Equinox came only with a choice of two V6 engines, but for 2010, there are two new powerplants: a 2.4-litre four-cylinder or 3.0-litre V6, both with direct injection and mated to six-speed automatic transmissions. Both can be ordered in front-wheel-drive or with an all-wheel system that primarily runs the front wheels, but sends power to the rear if necessary. At a combined rating of 7.8 L/100 km, GM says the four-cylinder is class-leading for fuel economy.

The four-cylinder starts at $25,995 and runs to $33,460. The V6 is an extra $1,725 and only comes with 18-inch wheels priced at $325, so it's an extra $2,050 on each model. Those who need the V6's stronger towing capacity (1,500 lbs for the four; 3,500 lbs for the six) will probably step up, but for almost all other driving conditions, the 182-horsepower four-cylinder works well enough that the bigger engine's 264 horses are overkill. GM has also wisely made the four-cylinder available in all trim lines, so you don't need to order the V6 if you want the top-line LTZ's toys.

Most impressive is how quiet it is. It's been sound-deadened and sealed to within an inch of its life, but since smaller engines are inherently louder, the four-cylinder model adds an extra trick: Two cabin-mounted sensors that monitor interior sound and then, when necessary, send a wave from the sub-woofer to offset any noise. It's similar to the way noise-cancelling headphones work, and it allows the engineers to run the engine at a lower rpm for improved fuel economy.

Handling is responsive and nicely weighted, and it feels more like driving a car than an SUV, with no torque steer, minimal body sway, and a smooth ride over gravel roads and rough pavement.

The interior is also much improved over the old Equinox: There's a lot of hard plastic, but it's well-fitted and handsomely designed, and I don't remember any Chevrolet with seats this comfortable.

The Ingersoll, Ont.-built 2010 Chevy Equinox is available in both four cylinder and V6 engines.

### 2010 Chevy Equinox

**Type:** Sports utility vehicle
**Price:** from $25,995
**Engine:** 2.4-litre four-cylinder and 3.0-litre V6
**HP:** 184 (four-cylinder); 264 (V6)

**Highlights**

- Handles like sedan
- Improved interior
- Extremely quiet

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The 2011 Infiniti M

## 2011 Infiniti M adds more power

**NEW MODEL** Infiniti recently provided an advanced look at the all-new 2011 Infiniti M performance luxury sedan at the 59th Annual Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance in Carmel, Calif.

This is the third generation of Infiniti's popular M and the first to be sold across all of Infiniti's 32 markets around the world. Like the current M, the next-generation design will be offered with V8 and V6 engines.

The 2011 models will be designated the Infiniti M56 and Infiniti M37 respectively, reflecting their more powerful, larger displacement engines. The M56 V8 is expected to offer more than 400 horsepower.

The M also features a completely redesigned body, with authentic sports sedan proportions and evocative new styling with a low front end and deeply sculpted fenders inspired by the Infiniti Essence concept car.

The M, which is scheduled to go on sale across the world starting from spring 2010, was revealed through a unique "video mapping" process — in which a "virtual M" was created on a 3-D form. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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A charging bay at London's Berkeley Square.

# Time to plug in ... but where?

If I ask, "What infrastructure might we need, to make it possible for a bunch of us to replace our gasoline-powered vehicles with pure electric vehicles?"

And you answer, "A bunch of really, really, long extension cords."

Well, that would make me think you're not taking this infrastructure thing seriously enough my friend.

OK, maybe you got more pressing concerns to worry about — like how to program your PVR so you don't miss any more episodes of Cubical Makeover.

Thankfully, there are a bunch of concerned citizens, consultants, governments, and eager business enterprises who have all been busy of late, envisioning that electric-car future. Let's take a quick look at what's they're picturing, and worrying about …

- Charge stations with high-voltage power (400-600 volts), so "fill ups" can be done in minutes.
- Charge stations that will also allow payments by credit cards, and figure out how much to charge, based on the real time cost of electricity.
- The first wave of charge stations will be in city cores, and near bus, train, and subway stations. Charge stations on the prairies? Maybe later.
- Another or supplemental option is places where drained battery packs can be quickly exchanged for fully-charged packs. But for that to work we will need standardized battery packs.
- More electricity will be needed and it will have to be clean (wind, solar, wave, etc). Putting coal-generated electricity into vehicles will not make the carbon footprint go down a size.

You can see we've got a way to go yet. That's why some feel hybrids, will be very popular and necessary until we transition to an electrical future. They don't need that expensive infrastructure we talked about.

But surprisingly, governments here and around the world seem willing to invest in electrical infrastructure. California and Israel are well on their way, and there are big projects planned for Arizona and Oregon.

I think this is because they see it as more of their purvey, like garbage collection and the water supply. To them, hydrogen is just another fuel; so let the fuel companies worry about that.

Ontario recently initiated some incentives so that one out of every 20 vehicles driven in the province might be electrically-powered by 2020.

As usual, the automakers are not totally on board. They're leery about putting all their expensive R&D eggs in one basket, lest some other technology comes along and blows them out of the water.

For instance, someone might finally figure out how to capture all that methane produced by cattle flatulence. If that happens and all you're building is electrical motors, well, that would be a bummer.

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# Travel

## Waterford Crystal Visitor Centre

When Waterford Wedgwood PLC filed for bankruptcy protection at the start of this year, among the casualties was one of Ireland's top tourist attractions, namely watching the glassblowers at the Waterford factory. But while there are no factory tours this season, visitors can find a revamped experience at the Waterford Crystal Visitor Centre — including a demonstration of cutting and engraving. For full details visit waterfordvisitorcentre.com. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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# Soaking up Cairo's chaotic energy

## Egyptian capital has lots to offer once you've seen the big attractions

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Metro World News

Left, patrons sit outside at one of the Egyptian capital's many bustling cafés. Right, a vendor in a Cairo market.

**Without question, a first-time visit to Cairo is all about taking in phenomenal sights from the Sphinx and the pyramids at Giza to the ancient Citadel and the National Museum, which is cluttered with a breathtaking collection of sarcophagi and statues of Ancient Egyptian gods.**

But when you've checked these historical items off your to-do list, it's time for entertainment and relaxation; for a drink and a bite to eat.

Cairo is a huge city and the traffic is absolutely crazy, what with with four million cars on the road. Taking a taxi is the easiest way to get from one part of the Egyptian capital to the next. Even if you're an expert at haggling, you will be paying more for a cab than the Egyptians do, but it's still a lot cheaper than it is in most European cities.

Once you've accepted this fact you can sit back and enjoy the roller coaster ride that is a cab trip through the cradle of civilization, as the Cairenes like to call their city.

Start off in downtown Cairo to get a feel for the energy in this city, which truly never sleeps. See the shops, bargain for souvenirs and go have a drink in El Horreya Pub on Bab el Louk Square. For a quick snack you can get an inexpensive falafel sandwich.

After checking out the downtown area you might feel like heading somewhere with a more relaxed atmosphere. Take a cab to the green urban "island" of Zamalek, surrounded by the mighty river Nile. Here you'll find bars, restaurants, bookstores and loads of Egyptian students strolling along the boulevard along the Nile, chilling out with a cup of mint tea in one of the many coffee shops or starting a big night out. It's the perfect place to end a day in the great city of Cairo.

### Where to stay:

Odeon Palace Hotel in downtown Cairo, Abdel Hamid Said 6. This three-star hotel has an authentic Egyptian look and feel, lots of woodwork and a rooftop bar and restaurant open around the clock with stunning views over Cairo. Close to the National Museum, near a shopping centre. From about $17 per night for a single room and $19 per person for a double room.

Left, an object on display at Cairo's National Museum. Right, visitors at the museum listen to a tour guide.

### Where to see live music:

With live music almost every night, the Cairo Jazz Club in Zamalek is a nicely crowded, energetic place with good prices for food and drinks. The crowd consists of older students and young professionals.

### Where to eat:

Restaurant Abou el Sid, 26th of July street 157, Zamalek. This beautifully-decorated restaurant offers delicious Egyptian cuisine with Turkish and Lebanese influences, served up by friendly waiters. A variety of dishes on your table costs about $10.

### Where to drink:

For a cheap beer and great atmosphere, visit El Horreya Pub in downtown Cairo, on Bab el Louk Square. You can get half a litre of Stella for about $1.

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**Easter Island protests**
Flights to Easter Island have resumed after Chile agreed to hold talks with residents who stormed the airport to protest an influx of tourists and immigrants to the remote Pacific island. Easter Island is known for its huge statues of heads and torsos called "moai." REUTERS

# The hills are alive around Innsbruck

## Well-priced food and cosy accomodation await hikers in Austrian Alps

CELIA PEDROSO
Metro World News

**The Austrian alpine city of Innsbruck may not be the obvious choice for a budget holiday, but it's a very good starting point for a low-cost hiking trip.**

The area offers breathtaking walks in some of the most beautiful mountains in Europe and reasonably-priced stays in the pretty villages surrounding the Tyrolese capital.

More serious hikers might opt to stay at the welcoming huts that can be found throughout the Alps, where you can sleep soundly and eat very well, generally at low prices.

The unstable weather in the Alps — there are frequent heavy showers even during summer — is not an obstacle for a nice day out in Innsbruck. The pedestrian-only historical centre, the Altstadt, has entire streets packed with shops as well as coffee shops, restaurants and bars with tables in the open air.

This former imperial city thrives on its strategic location, as well as its excellent winter sports infrastructure and summertime nature activities. Surrounded by mountains, it hosted the Winter Olympic Games in 1964 and 1976.

Cable cars take you from the city to several peaks with altitudes above 2,000 and 3,000 metres, so you can start your walk in the heart of the mountains. During the week Austrians of all ages stroll rhythmically along the mountain paths, and on the weekend they're joined by local families. Inns located at key points make it easy to refuel and it's common to see groups of Tyrolese people in cheerful reunions around a table covered with beer glasses after a walk up the mountain.

Start your hike in the heart of the Tyrol on the 2,250-metre-high mountain of Patscherkofel, just south of Innsbruck. After a cable car ride up from the Alpine village of Igls, the walk starts at the Zirbenweg path.

Along the route you'll see rare flowers including the Alpenrose (similar to the azalea) and the Enzian, a symbol of the Alps. The paths are well delineated with the international mark, just like the Austrian flag: Two red stripes and a white one.

Once up there, with clear weather, there's a view over a valley several kilometres wide, with Innsbruck down below as well as verdant slopes, rocky mountains and peaks where the snow never melts.

The award-winning Zirbenweg path is considered to be one of the best-kept and has some of the best panoramic views of the Tyrol.

Wooden signs throughout the tracks appeal for good behaviour, reminding people to not throw garbage or shout; and to respect animals and the environment.

Every so often you'll also find small religious altars with ex-voto or crucifixes. There are also small waterfalls, ideal for walkers who need to refresh.

If there's no snow it is possible to reach the top of the Glungezer, at 2,677 metres, and have a meal there. Other options are the Tulfeinalm hut or the hospitable Rinneralm, although it is more remote.

The Alpine inns are welcome after a long hike, with high quality meals and simple but cozy accommodation.

Left, a view of the Alps near Innsbruck from a mountain pasture. Right, a hiker strolls through the pasture.

### Good to know

**Good equipment:** It's essential to be well prepared for your mountain walk. Always wear proper hiking boots and good socks to your support your ankles and protect your feet from blisters. And do not forget to take a bottle of water with you, a bar with cereals and a chocolate in your bag, as well as a torch and a raincoat.

**Currency:** Austria is in the Euro zone. There are many ATM In Innsbruck, but few in the surrounding villages it is better to take money with you.

**Where to stay:** Accommodation in villages here can cost between 20 and 50 euros. There are 25 holiday villages around Innsbruck, one of the prettiest is Mutters. Staying in mountain huts is even cheaper, with good meals for 5 euros, and a bed for 30-45 euros.

**Language:** German is the official language, but in Innsbruck and in the villages most speak or understand English and Italian. Italy is a neighbour, so you will hear expressions like 'ciao' a lot.

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# At last, Cubans sample tourism luxury

**Floating, cocktail drink in hand, in the pool of a five-star hotel in Cuba, Alexis basks in a holiday experience that for years was out of reach for him in his own homeland.**

The pastel-colored hotel buildings, the well-ordered gardens, the turquoise waters and the perpetually smiling waiters — all just 140 kilometres east of his home in Havana. So near, and yet for many years, so far away.

Until last year, Cuba's communist government prevented its citizens from entering hotels reserved for hard currency-paying foreign tourists. It argued that tourism was a strategic revenue sector and that widening access would create inequalities in a socialist society, where most earn inconvertible Cuban pesos.

**"Before a foreigner would ask us about Varadero and we did not know what to say. Now, if you have the money, you can do it."** Roberto Garcia

The tourist hotels, whose services, shops and restaurants are a world away from the hardships and shortages experienced by most Cubans, remained largely out of bounds for ordinary citizens. This prohibition angered most Cubans, who considered it made them second-class citizens in their own homeland.

But when President Raul Castro took over from his ailing older brother Fidel Castro last year, one of his first acts was to end the ban and open all facilities to Cubans. The change was widely popular even though most islanders still can not afford to stay at the tourist hotels.

"Let me tell you, this is great," said Alexis, an employee of a state-run Havana hard currency store who declined to give his full name, as his girlfriend returned from the bar with more mojitos.

In the years immediately following the 1959 revolution, Cuban workers were allowed into the island's premier resorts, yet the need to earn much-needed hard currency led to the development again of a more exclusive foreign tourism sector, especially over the last 15 years.

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A view of a resort on Cuba's Cayo Santa Maria.

But the global financial crisis has taken a big bite out of Cuba's international tourism, so the Cuban travel industry, seeking to boost occupation in half-empty hotels, has begun offering reduced-price package deals to Cubans.

At $70 a night for an all-inclusive hotel in Varadero, Cuba's top beach resort, prices are well below what foreigners pay, but still out of reach for most Cubans struggling to make ends meet on state salaries that average less than $20 a month.According to Tourism Minister Manuel Marrero, Cubans have accounted for 10 per cent of occupancy at Cuba's high-end hotels this summer.

The opening of a domestic market is giving more visibility to an emerging class of wealthier Cubans who have hard currency in their pockets and are eager to sport the coloured wristbands of the fancy all-inclusive hotels.

The new Cuban internal tourists are professionals, technicians working for foreign joint ventures and people receiving dollar remittances from relatives living abroad.

"Before a foreigner would ask us about Varadero and we did not know what to say," recalls Roberto Garcia, a 43-year-old engineer who arrived from Havana with his family of six. "Now, if you have the money, you can do it." REUTERS

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**Holiday numbers decline**
The number of passengers on U.S. airlines during the Labour Day holiday will likely decline by 3.5 per cent for domestic travel and three per cent in international travel this year as the recession erodes budgets, but planes will be full and fares are inching higher, experts said Monday. REUTERS

# Resort offers $19 US 'survivor' package

**For their one-and-only family getaway this year, the Billingtons checked in to an upscale San Diego resort on Sunday with many of the usual vacation accessories — bathing suits, board games and golf clubs.**

But they also brought flashlights, sleeping bags and an inflatable mattress because the pool-side room they booked for just $19 US comes with a tent where the beds normally would be. They even had to pack their own toilet paper.

While many of Southern California's luxury hotels are battling a severe slump in business by offering extra services and more amenities, the Rancho Bernardo Inn is luring guests with the exact opposite — no frills and barely any basics.

Called the survivor package, the hotel's deeply discounted promotion lets patrons trim its standard $219-per-night rate on a sliding scale of deprivation, lowering charges with each amenity stripped from the room.

The most basic version: a room for $19 with no bed, toilet paper, towels, air-conditioning or "honour bar," and only a single light bulb in the bathroom for safety. The next level up adds in a bed — sans sheets — for $39 a night. For a bed plus toiletries and toilet paper, the rate is $59.

Maureen Carew, assistant general manager of the four-star inn, called the promotion "clever marketing in a downtime."

Herman Billington, 39, a personal trainer who owns his own business, says it's the only vacation he, his wife and their two sons, aged 9 and 10, plan to take this year as they concentrate on "keeping it lean."

"The boys get to feel like they're camping, and I get to go to the spa," said their mother, Erica Billington, 37.

Rancho Bernardo's promotion drew more than 420 reservations, including 240 bookings at the $19 rate and 116 at the $39 rate, Carew said. REUTERS

# Gourmet mag preps TV show

**TRAVEL TUBE** There's certainly no shortage of TV shows blending food and travel, but Gourmet magazine is betting there's room for one more.

On Oct. 17, the Conde Nast publication will debut its new public television show, Gourmet's Adventures With Ruth, in which the magazine's editor, Ruth Reichl, spans the globe visiting cooking schools with celebrities, among them actresses Frances McDormand and Lorraine Bracco.

Adventures With Ruth is the successor to Gourmet's Diary of a Foodie, the PBS show that explores international cultures through a culinary lens. Both are produced by WGBH in Boston.

The idea to do a show that revolves around travel sprang from a 2008 issue of Gourmet that was devoted to cooking vacations, said Nancy Berger Cardone, the magazine's vice president and publisher.

The deal is expected to give a much-needed boost to the epicurean magazine. Ad pages are off 44.5 per cent this year through August. REUTERS

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**Pitt to voice superhero**

Brad Pitt will be providing the voice for an animated feature in which he'll play a "superhero who wants out." Pitt says that movie will costar the voices of Tina Fey and Robert Downey Jr., and trade reports identify the project as Oobermind. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# Entertainment

## Dating Diaz

Cameron Diaz seems to have moved on after her split from model Paul Sculfor. She is reportedly dating Sex and the City actor Jason Lewis, according to Grazia magazine. METRO WORLD NEWS

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James McAvoy

## McAvoy to star in comedy about cancer

**MOVIES** In his first role since last summer's hit Wanted, James McAvoy has signed on to star in an untitled cancer-themed comedy that Nicole Holofcener will direct.

Formerly titled I'm With Cancer, the Mandate Pictures project is being produced by Seth Rogen, Evan Goldberg and Ben Karlin.

McAvoy stars as a 25-year-old who learns he has cancer. It's a character based on the real experiences of screenwriter Will Reiser, who was diagnosed with the disease in his mid-20s and successfully battled it over several years. Rogen also has a role in the film.

Holofcener is known for directing character-driven comedies such as Lovely & Amazing and Friends With Money. Her next film, which is completed, is Please Give, starring Catherine Keener and Rebecca Hall.

McAvoy broke through with his role in The Last King of Scotland and starred with Keira Knightley in Atonement. REUTERS

# Roth taps rage, anger

## Actor plays murderous soldier in Quentin Tarantino's Inglourious Basterds

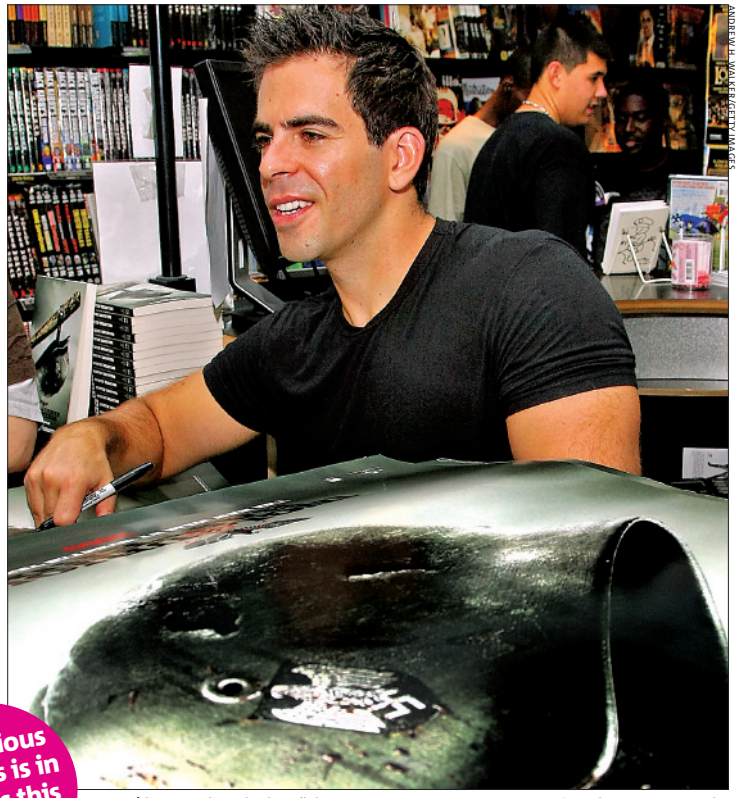
CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

**As a terrified Nazi PoW kneels on the ground at gunpoint in front of a black, cavernous tunnel, a steady, rhythmic clanging sound of metal hitting brick begins filling the air. Suddenly a figure explodes outwards, a muscled brute wielding an aluminum baseball bat, swinging wildly for anything wearing a swastika.**

The SS know him as "The Bear Jew." But we know him better as Eli Roth.

Roth is the outspoken writer/director behind such modern grindhouse hits as Cabin Fever, Hostel and its even bloodier sequel. But it's here, in Quentin Tarantino's latest film Inglourious Basterds, where Roth gets to flex his acting chops. He plays Sgt. Donny Donowitz — a.k.a. The Bear Jew — an angry, brain-bashing member of the titular band of merry Jewish-American Nazi hunters.

"When Quentin asked me to do this, I knew I had to make The Bear believable," says Roth of his first prominent acting gig (though he did have a credited role in Tarantino's 2007 effort Death Proof). "I put on 40 pounds of muscle. I wanted you to look at this guy and see all this murderous rage and pain and anger."



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Inglourious Basterds is in theatres this Friday.

Writer/director Eli Roth plays "The Bear Jew" in Quentin Tarantino's Inglourious Basterds.

Inglourious Basterds is a pulp fantasy, following the exploits of various characters and their attempts to murder as many followers of the Third Reich as possible, including the Fuehrer himself. It madly shifts gears between muted character drama, cartoonish, gory action blowout and stylized spaghetti western and audiences who pre-screened the rough cut of the film at Cannes were either left mystified or completely enraptured.

But as Roth explains, the polarized reaction is typical of Tarantino's work.

"Pulp Fiction took general audiences three viewings to get it," he says. "At first they said it was morally reprehensible. The second time, it had its moments. The third time they claimed it a masterpiece.

"With Kill Bill Part One, some mourned the lack of great dialogue and said there was too much action. With Kill Bill 2 the same people said there was too much dialogue and not enough action. But with Basterds, I really think Quentin has made a landmark film.

"There are at least three scenes in it that students will be reading in acting class and really, you can't sell it in a 30 second TV spot. It's an experience."

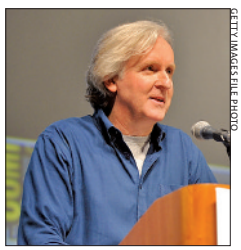
**"There are at least three scenes in (Inglourious Basterds) that students will be reading in acting class and really, you can't sell it in a 30 second TV spot. It's an experience."** Eli Roth

# Avatar site crashes as fans seek tickets

**The official Avatar website crashed for several hours on Monday as moviegoers rushed to secure free seats to see the 16 minutes of 3-D preview footage that will be shown at 104 Imax theatres around the country on Friday evening.**

Ticket ordering was scheduled to begin online at noon PDT, but at about 11:55 a.m. the site started experiencing difficulties. About 17,000 of the 68,000 available tickets were distributed before the heavy traffic forced the site down for several hours.

"Due to the overwhelming response for tickets to the Avatar event on 8/21, our servers have crashed. We will update you as soon as possible," ticket seekers were advised by Avatar's Twitter site.



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James Cameron speaks at the Avatar Q&A at Comic-Con.

By late afternoon, avatarmovie.com was again up and running, taking five orders every second. Locations in New York and Los Angeles sold out almost immediately.

Given that Avatar, James Cameron's first narrative feature since 1997's Titanic, promises a display of cutting-edge technology, the site snafu was something of an embarrassment.

At the same time, it had to be good news for 20th Century Fox, which is facing the challenge of creating awareness for a movie that isn't based on a pre-existing brand, book or film. The sci-fi adventure — with a budget the studio has put at $237 million US — opens in the U.S. on Dec. 18 and worldwide that same week.

Fox and Cameron have been slowly unveiling footage from the film, first at the CineExpo convention in Amsterdam in June and then at last month's Comic-Con. But Friday will be the first chance for many moviegoers to see it for themselves. REUTERS

# New Dawn for Avril

JANINE FALCON
for Metro Canada

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Abbey Dawn is fashion line from multi-platinum award-winning singer/songwriter Avril Lavigne. Safety Pin Tee, bottom, $24.99.

**Jamie Katzman, owner and president of the Boathouse chain of clothing stores, is pretty chuffed.**

He's got the Canadian exclusive on Abbey Dawn, a colourful line of punk-inspired casualwear from multi-platinum award-winning singer/songwriter Avril Lavigne.

"It just sort of happened," he told Metro when the line debuted in his downtown-Toronto store earlier this week. "We were introduced through a friend of a friend. I was familiar with Avril's line, and heard that she knew and had shopped at Boathouse ... and a few months later, I'm standing with her in the store at the launch."

"I'm excited to have my clothes at Boathouse — it's a good match," said Lavigne, who was on hand to introduce Abbey Dawn (her childhood nickname) and meet with 50 fans who had won tickets to the launch via a Boathouse contest. She describes her line as "rock 'n' roll, playful and fun," a mix-and-match collection of her personal style. "You can throw on the skinny jeans with heels, a Chanel bag, mix it with Betsey Johnson — it's fun, fashion is fun," she said.

Youthful and bold in the singer's favourite colours — black, white, red, hot pink and purple — the clothes are exactly what one might expect of Lavigne: An exuberant mix of prep-school-gone-punk graphic tees, cropped vests, short plaid kilts, skinny jeans, edgy-cute accessories, and hoodies, lots of hoodies. "I pretty much wear hoodies every day," she said. In fact, her day's ensemble of choice was her own Abbey Dawn "I Always Get What I Want" hoody and black leggings. "I don't want to jinx it!" she exclaimed when asked whether she does actually always get what she wants.

"I like that she wears her own label," said Alyssa Chin, 20, who was at the event with her sister, Kamille, 23, a contest winner. "A lot of celebrities design clothing but don't wear their stuff. It's good Avril does."

At the moment, Lavigne says she's working on dresses and other items she'll roll out later in the year. "There'll be new offerings every six to eight weeks," confirmed Katzman.

Abbey Dawn ranges in price from $14.99 for accessories to $59.99 for a soft hooded blazer, and is currently available at 15 of Katzman's 37 Boathouse locations (boathousestores.com). It'll be in the rest of the stores in November — and psst! the dresses are slated for the holiday collection, which should launch around then, too.

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**The New Adventures of Old Christine**

When exes Richard and Christine (Clark Gregg, Julia Louis-Dreyfus) help Lindsay and Marly (Alex Kapp Horner, Tricia O'Kelley) through labor, the memory of Ritchie's (Trevor Gagnon) birth rekindles romantic feelings between them in "A Change of Heart/Pants." Hamish Linklater also stars. 8 PM on CBS

**Criminal Minds**

The mind is a funny thing. One minute you're not using it, and the next it starts working on its own, leaving you to ponder either repressed memories or the theme from "The Love Boat." In this episode, while investigating the abduction of a boy in Las Vegas, Dr. Reid (Matthew Gray Gubler) starts to have dreams that might help reveal buried memories from his childhood. Jane Lynch ("Two and a Half Men") guest stars as Dr. Reid's mother. 9 PM on CBS

Kenya's Style

Kenya Hunt

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**Jessica's fill-in Idol gig a fib**

Jessica Simpson isn't trying to fill Paula Abdul's vacant judge's seat on American Idol. The New York Post reported Monday that the singer's father Joe is pushing producers to cast Simpson. But Simpson's rep said, "There is absolutely no truth to this." USMAGAZINE.COM

# Celebrity Buzz

## Grey's star nude tape leaked online

**ON THE DEFENCE** A video showing Grey's Anatomy star Eric Dane, his wife Rebecca Gayheart and another women in apparently compromising positions is ancient history and had better not be used for commercial purposes, warns an attorney for the married couple, people.com reports.

In a statement released Monday, the actor's lawyer, Marty Singer, said the tape "is simply a private, consensual moment involving a married couple, shot several years ago, which was never intended to be seen by the public."

The statement continued: "Although the participants are nude, the tape is not a 'sex tape.' It is a private tape made for only my clients' personal use, and nobody has the right to exploit it. If anyone exploits the tape, they will be violating my clients' rights and will be exposed to significant liability."

The third woman in the video reportedly is Kari Ann Peniche, who in 2002 was crowned Miss Teen USA but was later stripped of the title after posing for Playboy.

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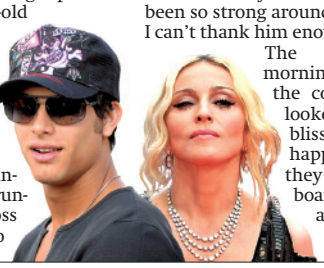
## Jesus, love of Madonna's life

**GOOD MATCH** Madonna says Jesus Luz is "the love of her life," femalefirst.co.uk reports. The singer praised the 22-year-old Brazilian model in a speech at her 51st birthday party in Portofino, Italy, on Sunday before running across the room to passionately kiss him.



As friends looked on, Madonna gushed: "He's the love of my life. He has been so strong around me. I can't thank him enough."

The next morning, the couple looked blissfully happy as they boarded a luxury yacht with Madonna's children — Lourdes, 12, Rocco, eight, Mercy, four, and David, three.

As the children relaxed on the deck, the pop superstar and her lover frolicked in the ocean.

An onlooker said: "She and Jesus looked madly in love and it was great to see her looking so happy. They just looked like any normal family enjoying a holiday together."

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## Dancing host wants Paula's dressing room

**QUICK, WHILE IT'S WARM** Now that Paula Abdul has left American Idol, Dancing With the Stars host Samantha Harris wants her dressing room. (American Idol is filmed at the same studio as Dancing.)

"In past seasons when Dancing wasn't going on at the same time as Idol, I would have Paula's dressing room, and it's fabulous," Harris told a Phoenix radio station. "It's a really cute, big pink dressing room. I should start putting my name in for it now... Maybe I'll get the dressing room finally."

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## Kristen: Me, a style icon?

**FASHIONISTA** Kristen Stewart says she isn't important enough to get free designer clothes, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Twilight actress wishes she could keep the gowns she wears to red-carpet events.

She said: "The really cool stuff — I never get to keep any of that ... I'm just not important enough yet, I think."

Stewart — who has worn creations by Yigal Azrouel, Hervé Léger and Camilla and Marc — admits she finds it "bizarre" that her fans copy her outfits. "Those (clothes) are mine, which is bizarre to have people go out and buy."

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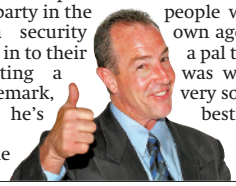
## Dad apologizes to Lindsay?

**EATING HIS WORDS** Lindsay Lohan just can't seem to shake her dad, Michael, the New York Post reports.

At a recent party in the Hamptons, a security guard stepped in to their chat, prompting a partygoer to remark, "It looks like he's stalking her."



Turns out he was trying to apologize for bashing Lindsay's on-and-off girlfriend, Samantha Ronson. "I was misled by people who had their own agenda," he told a pal the next day. "I was wrong and I'm very sorry. I wish the best for them."

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## Tori declares end to family feud?

**BURY THE HATCHET** The feud between 90210 star Tori Spelling and her mother has been waged for months in the press, but Tori is ready to bury the hatchet once and for all.

The daughter of Aaron and Candy Spelling recently told OK! Magazine: "I definitely want to reconcile with my mother, but that's the wrong word. There's nothing that really happened that made us fight. It's just time, distance and media that have come between my mom and me."

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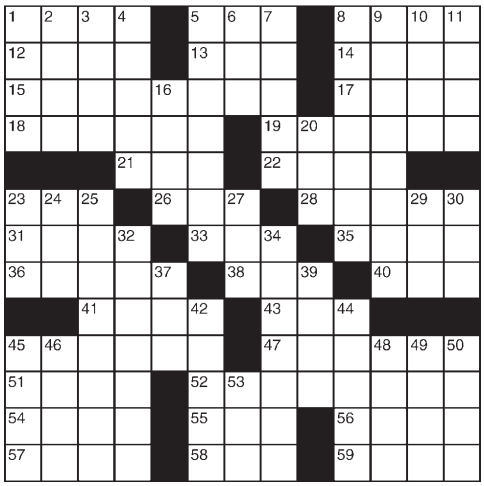

**ACROSS**

1 Spacecraft compartments
5 Scatter seed
8 Couple, to TMZ
12 Neighbourhood
13 — Beta Kappa
14 Small plateau
15 Dosage measurer
17 Low
18 Chief island of Japan
19 Attic space
21 "Of course"
22 Tater
23 Chapeau
26 Bankroll
28 Arousing goose bumps
31 Notion
33 Rawls or Reed
35 Do a pre-laundry task
36 Song of praise
38 Conclusion
40 Cause of royal insomnia?
41 Dressed
43 Glutton
45 Stick
47 Whiteboard accessory
51 Jail, at sea
52 Tinker, Evers or Chance
54 Highway division
55 Blunder
56 Hostels
57 Quiche needs
58 Scarlet
59 Spruced up

**DOWN**

1 Maze option
2 Sandwich cookie
3 Campus VIP
4 Impudent
5 Re a husband or wife
6 Discoverer's call
7 Flight needs
8 Stains
9 Earring shape, often
10 Being (Lat.)
11 Sail holder
16 "That's a relief!"
20 Mimic
23 With it
24 Classifieds
25 Education
27 Buck's mate
29 Anger
30 Greek vowel
32 Claims
34 Not loud enough
37 Ruin the veneer
39 Coed quarters, maybe
42 Dissuade
44 Street urchin
45 Competent
46 Haul
48 Logical
49 Sicilian spouter
50 Whatever remains
53 Prior to

## Sudoku

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**HOW TO PLAY:** Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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| | 9 | | | | | | 7 | |
| 5 | | | | 4 | 1 | | | |
| 9 | | 8 | | 7 | | | | |
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| | 5 | 7 | 4 | | | | 2 | |

**PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:**

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| 8 | 7 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 9 | 3 |
| 5 | 9 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| 1 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 9 | 3 | 7 | 5 | 8 |
| 4 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 9 |
| 7 | 3 | 8 | 9 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 4 |
| 9 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 7 | 2 |

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## Metro Recipe of the Day

### Tarragon Flounder

**INGREDIENTS:**
2 flounder fillets (4 oz/113 g each)
1/2 cup (125 ml) chicken broth
2 tbsp (25 ml) butter, melted
1 tbsp (15 ml) minced fresh tarragon or 1 tsp (5 ml) dried tarragon
1 tsp (5 ml) ground mustard

**METHOD:**
1. Place fillets in a greased 11-in. x 7-in. x 2-in. (28 cm x 18 cm x 5 cm) baking dish. Combine remaining ingredients; pour over fish.
2. Bake, uncovered, at 350 F (180 C) for 20-25 minutes or until fish flakes easily with a fork. Remove to a serving plate with a slotted spatula. Serve immediately.

**SERVES 2**

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**ARIES** ♈
**MARCH 21-APRIL 20**
You're no stranger to hard work and as from today you will begin to enjoy the rewards of your labours.

**TAURUS** ♉
**APRIL 21-MAY 21**
You will experience one of those "Eureka" moments today. Out of nowhere you will see the pattern that you have somehow missed.

**GEMINI** ♊
**MAY 22-JUNE 21**
You may have found it difficult to confide in people in recent weeks but now the cosmic picture is beginning to change and you can get through.

**CANCER** ♋
**JUNE 22-JULY 22**
Even if you are one of those Cancerians who knows how to charm, you may have found it hard to communicate your feelings in recent weeks.

**LEO** ♌
**JULY 23-AUG 23**
You owe someone a favor and if you go out of your way to make good on it today, they may even end up owing you.

**VIRGO** ♍
**AUG 24-SEPT 22**
A Mercury-Saturn union in your sign means you can see things as they are rather than as you wish them to be.

**LIBRA** ♎
**SEPT 23-OCT 23**
You may have been in the dark of late but as from today you will understand what has been going on and why you were kept out of the loop.

**SCORPIO** ♏
**OCT 24-NOV 22**
You may have found it hard to explain why you believe certain apparently illogical things, but today you'll find your tongue.

**SAGITTARIUS** ♐
**NOV 23-DEC 21**
For various reasons, both personal and professional, you have held back from letting certain people know what you think of them.

**CAPRICORN** ♑
**DEC 22-JAN 20**
You rarely leave anything to chance and with mind planet Mercury aspecting your ruler Saturn, you will know with absolute certainty.

**AQUARIUS** ♒
**JAN 21-FEB 18**
If you are having second thoughts about a deal you signed up to there is still time to back out of, but it's got to be now.

**PISCES** ♓
**FEB 19-MARCH 20**
Don't worry if you have found it hard to get through to loved ones in recent weeks because today's Mercury-Saturn union in your opposite sign will help.

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